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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SF, PINT, PINS
SUBJECT: TENSIONS INCREASE AS JUNE 16 APPROACHES

REF: PRETORIA 2858

1. DURING WEEKEND VISIT TO ATTERIDGEVILLE, EMBOFF WITNESSED ROADBLOCKS AT ENTRANCES TO TOWNSHIPS AND UNUSUALLY HEAVY POLICE PATROLS. ATTERIDGEVILLE SRC LEADERS TOLD EMBOFF THAT THEY HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE WERE LOOKING FOR THEM, APPARENTLY WITH INTENT TO DETAIN THEM AS HAD BEEN DONE TO SOWETO SRC. INDIVIDUALS SAID THEY WERE SPENDING NIGHTS AWAY FROM PARENTS' HOMES IN ORDER TO AVOID ARREST.

2. FIRST INCIDENT OF UNREST IN PRETORIA TOWNSHIPS WAS REPORTED OVER WEEKEND. PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MAMELODI REPORTEDLY HAD RECORDS AND BOOKS IN CLASSROOMS SET ALIGHT. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE OR INJURIES REPORTED.

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3. AT UNIVERSITY OF THE NORTH IN TURFLOOP, NORTHER TRANSVAAL, PRESS REPORTS THAT STUDENTS ATTEMPTED TO BURN CINEMA HALL AND COFFEE BAR ON JUNE 11. PIETERSBURG RESIDENT TOLD EMBOFF THAT THERE HAS BEEN REGULAR DISTURBANCES AT UNIVERSITY FOR LAST WEEK OR SO, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED IN PRESS.

4. COMMENT: WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES TIGHTENING CONTROL

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MEASURES IN TOWNSHIPS AND DETAINING STUDENT LEADERS, LEVELS OF TENSION SEEM BOUND TO RISE. IN PRETORIA AREA, STUDENT LEADERSHIP STILL SEEMS COMMITTED TO MAKING COMMEMORATION AS PEACEFUL AS POSSIBLE, BUT RELAXED MOOD OF WEEK AGO (REFTEL) HAS DISSIPATED.
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